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**Subject: Plainwell Mill Property, Plainwell, Michigan**  
**June- July 2008 Progress Report**

Dear Sam:

As required by Task 8, *Progress Reports*, in the Statement of Work for the RI/FS at the Plainwell Inc., Mill Property, I am submitting the attached progress report for the period from June 15, through July 14, 2008, for the above-referenced site.

Please call me, at (253) 924-3746, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Weyerhaeuser Company

Jennifer Hale  
Environmental Manager

Attachments

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**Progress Report No. 22**  
**June 15, 2008, through July 14, 2008**

**Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study**  
**Plainwell, Inc., Mill Property, Plainwell, Michigan**

This progress report is being submitted in accordance with Task 8, *Progress Reports*, and the *Schedule for Major Deliverables* contained in the Statement of Work for the RI/FS at the Plainwell, Inc., Mill Property.

**1. Operable Unit 7 – Plainwell Mill Site**

Summary of Activities Undertaken in Support of the Community Relations Plan (completed during the current reporting period and anticipated during the next period):

- Weyerhaeuser met with the City of Plainwell and Michigan State Senator Patricia Birkholz to update them on the progress at the site.

Summary of Any Modifications to the Work Plans or Other Schedules Proposed To, or Approved By, the USEPA:

- Weyerhaeuser is preparing a response to comments received from U.S. EPA on the Sampling and Analysis Plan portion of the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Work Plan.
- Activities associated with the RI/FS Addendum No. 1 included:
  - A plan for subsurface investigation between the Mill and the Kalamazoo River will be submitted to the USEPA on July 16, 2008.

**2. Operable Unit 5 – Plainwell Mill Banks - Kalamazoo River**

Activities performed as part of the Emergency Action during the current reporting period included:

- The residuals removed from the banks is still awaiting disposal. The material is covered with plastic to minimize water infiltration and control dust from the material. The two dumpsters containing segregated material are also covered awaiting disposal decision.
- Due to increased rain, the containment pad area required pumping and treating of the accumulated water. The water was pumped into the 20,000-gallon holding tank and recirculated through the system and sampled for PCBs. After results were received, the water was then discharged in accordance with the permit equivalence for the site.
- No additional activities are presently ongoing, other than security inspections twice per week.

Summary of Data Collected During the Current Reporting Period:

- Water sample results for the containment pad water are attached. No PCBs were identified in the samples. Total suspended solids were less than 4 mg/L and the total phosphorous was 0.06 - 0.07 mg/L.
- No additional data has been collected over this reporting period.

Summary of Problems Encountered During the Current Reporting Period:

- No problems were encountered during this time period.

Summary and Schedule of Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period:

- Disposal of the material within the containment pad.
- Disposal of the segregated material within the two dumpsters.

- Remobilization and demobilization of equipment and personnel from the site.
- Begin preparation of the documentation report for the emergency action.
- Begin field activities associated with the addendum described above.

Anticipated Problems Associated with Work During the Next Period:

- None.

Planned Resolution of Past or Anticipated Problems:

- Decision on disposal of materials.

Other Relevant Information:

- None.

Report

Kalamazoo River RMT Waters

Sample Designation	Date Sampled	Time Sampled	Analytical Lab Code	TSS mg/L	TP mg/L
Effluent WWTP	07/01/08	1255	001	< 4	0.06
			001D	< 4	0.07

Date Analyzed: 7/2/2008 7/7/2008  
Method Used: AM S-2540 D AM E-365.3  
Analyst: MR JC

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Service Request 08-1571  
WA Cert.# C1219

**Report**  
**Kalamazoo River RMT Waters**  
**Method: EPA 608**

<b>Client ID</b>	<b>WWTP- Effluent</b>	<b>WWTP- Effluent</b>	<b>Method Blank</b>	<b>Lab Control Spike</b>
<b>Sample Date</b>	07/01/08 12:55	07/01/08 12:55		

Lab ID		001	001DUP	BLANK	LCS
<u>Analyte</u>	<u>CAS</u>	<u>ug/L</u>	<u>ug/L</u>	<u>ug/L</u>	<u>% Recovery</u>
Aroclor-1016	12674-11-2	<0.20	<0.22	<0.20	92%
Aroclor-1221	11104-28-2	<0.20	<0.22	<0.20	NA
Aroclor-1232	11114-16-5	<0.20	<0.22	<0.20	NA
Aroclor-1242	53469-21-9	<0.20	<0.22	<0.20	NA
Aroclor-1248	12672-29-6	<0.20	<0.22	<0.20	NA
Aroclor-1254	11097-69-1	<0.20	<0.22	<0.20	NA
Aroclor-1260	11096-82-5	<0.20	<0.22	<0.20	102%
<b>Surrogate</b>					
Tetrachloroxylene		101%	105%	87%	104%
Decachlorobiphenyl		110%	108%	92%	110%
Date Extracted		07/07/08	07/07/08	07/07/08	07/07/08
Date Analyzed		07/07/08	07/07/08	07/07/08	07/07/08

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Date: 07/08/08